

**AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION**

Please replace the title with the following new title:

MINIMALLY INVASIVE METHODS OF MONITORING ANALYTE CONCENTRATION

Please replace amend paragraph 0001 as follows:

This application is a continuation of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/379,463, filed March 3, 2003, which is a continuation of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/865,826, filed May 25, 2001, now issued U.S. Patent No. 6,549,796, the entireties of which are herein incorporated by reference.

Please amend paragraph 0012 as follows:

U.S. Patents of interest include: 4,680,628; 4,721,677; 5,002,054; 5,108,819; 5,161,532; 5,390,671; 5,582,184; 5,682,233; 5,746,217; ~~5,820,520~~ 5,820,570; 5,879,310; 6,056,738; 6,086,545; 6,091,975; and 6,155,992.